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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COOPERATION WITH
SPAIN

1. EPA PROPOSES TO DEVELOP MODEL PROGRAM OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ON POLLUTION CONTROL WITH INDUSTRIALIZING NATIONS. PROGRAM EXPECTED TO INCLUDE EXTENSION OF HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DOMESTIC POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS; CONSULTATION ON POLICY, ENFORCEMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS; AND LONGER TERM RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. SUSTAINED 3-5 YEAR EFFORT IS ANTICIPATED. SPAIN SELECTED AS POSSIBLE PILOT COUNTRY SUBJECT TO FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF WELL-DEFINED AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. PROGRAM'S PRIMARY FUNCTION TO BRIDGE GAP BETWEEN RESEARCH AND USE BY EVALUATING AND TRANSFERRING NEWLY DEVELOPED SUCCESSFUL TECHNOLOGIES TO INDUSTRIAL AND PUBLIC SECTOR USERS AND
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OTHER EXERTING INFLUENCE OVER DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ALL

POLLUTION CONTROL AND ABATEMENT FACILITIES.

3. EPA OFFICIALS, HERBERT B. QUINN, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES; ROBERT CROWE AND ROBERT MADANCY, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM, PLANNING TO VISIT MADRID DURING PERIOD SEPTEMBER 16-20. EPA CURRENTLY SUPPORTS OVER DOLS 20 MILLION IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES ON POLLUTION CONTROL. RESULTS OF THESE EFFORTS VALUABLE TO EPA DOMESTIC PROGRAM, STIMULATE GLOBAL POLLUTION CONTROL, AND SOLVE SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

4. IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH SPANISH OFFICIALS, WASHINGTON ATTORNEY DAVID DOMINICK, REPRESENTING EPA, FOUND HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST IN POTENTIAL COOPERATIVE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ACTIVITIES. THIS INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED BY:

PRIMO DE RIVERA
PRESIDENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

MANUEL COSTALES GOMEZ-OLEA
APLICACIONES TECHICAS INDUSTRIALES
ZURBANO, 70

FERNANDO DE YBARRA
SUBSECRETARIO DE PLANIFICACION DEL DESARROLLO
MINISTERIO DE PLANIFICACION DEL DESARROLLO

5. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT INDICATES POSSIBLE MUTUAL INTEREST IN INDUSTRIAL CONTROLS FOR METAL FINISHING, POULTRY, FRUITS AND VEGETABLE PROCESSING, AND COASTAL POLLUTION BY INDUSTRY AND MUNICIPALITY. SELECTION OF PRIORITY SUBJECTS EXPECTED TO EVOLVE FROM TEAM DISCUSSIONS.

6. EPA TEAM WILL SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE GOS AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ENVIRONMENT, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING. MEETINGS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS IN UNIVERSITIES WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE.

7. BIODATA ON EPA TEAM AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON
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EPA TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ACTIVITIES FOLLOWS. EPA GOAL FOR VISIT TO ASSESS LEVEL OF SPANISH INTEREST IN COOPERATIVE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER EXPERIMENT, DEFINE SPECIFIC TRANSFER SUBJECTS AND RESPONSIVE TARGET ORGANIZATIONS.

8. EPA HOPES THIS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PILOT EFFORT WILL BECOME SHOWCASE PROJECT. INDUSTRIAL THEME APPEARS MOST PROMISING. SPANISH MAY WANT TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON COASTAL

SEWAGE POLLUTION. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION APPEARS TO BE DEVELOPING AS NEW THEME OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH MANY COUNTRIES, AND THERE APPEARS TO BE SAME POTENTIAL IN SPAIN.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON EPA PROPOSAL TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON SPAIN AS POTENTIAL PILOT PROJECT FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM IN INDUSTRIALIZING NATION. SPECIFICALLY, REQUEST EMBASSY EVALUATION OF SPANISH INTEREST AND POTENTIAL FOR SUBSTANTIVE LONG-TERM PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. WOULD WELCOME GENERAL OR SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS RE APPOINTMENTS FOR EPA TEAM. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION RE POSSIBLE SPANISH COUNTERPART ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY TO WORK WITH EPA ON PROJECT.
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